(d) The proposed modernisation will be undertaken by separate Joint Venture Companies to be formed with 74% private sector participation.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The estimated expenditure can be determined only after approved of mandated facilities, their technical parameter and concession agreement etc. The time required for the projects will depend on the exact nature and magnitude of the projects to be undertaken.

Display of advertisments on Aircrafts

†1398. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special permission for displaying the advertisements on the body of the plane has been given by his Ministry to Deccan Airlines;

(b) if so, on what conditions;

(c) whether his Ministry is going to give the permission of displaying advertisements to more private or public sectors airlines; and

(d) if so, the names of such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Air Deccan was permitted to display commercial advertisement in terms of logo on the exterior surface of their aircraft fuselage subject to requisite safety conditions.

(c) and (d) Action is at hand to formulate a policy to deal with all such requests keeping in view the safety requirement and the Government policy on advertisements.

Opening of military Air Space for civilian traffic

1399. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to selectively open up air space reserved for IAF for use by civil flights;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government have taken into consideration all safety and security issues involved in this move before granting permission;

(c) whether Government have identified the air spaces which are being opened up for civil use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussion with Indian air Force has been made from time to time on flexible use of airspace including all safety and security issues involved in the matter.

(c) and (d) Areas for flexible use of airspace are yet to be identified.

Airports in Maharashtra

1400. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in Maharashtra and the number of those which are functional;

(b) the number and names of airports being upgraded to the international standard;

(c) the names of airports which are being modernised and privatised; and

(d) whether Government have plans to introduce feeder air services connecting big cities of Maharashtra with air and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns 7 airports and one Civil Enclave in the State of Maharashtra of which 5 are operational.

(b) and (c) The CSI Airport at Mumbai is already an International airport. Based on Cabinet decision Mumbai airport is being modernized